



# Regional Developments

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt to establish 64 CoE in villages by 2021-end

The Haryana government has decided to establish as many as 64 Centres of Excellence (CoE) in villages by 2021-end. The information was shared by state agriculture and farmers' welfare minister JP Dalal, on 22 November 2021.

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### 500 buses to be added to Haryana govt's fleet

The Haryana government is set to add 500 more buses to its fleet. The information was shared by state transport minister Mool Chand Sharma, on 22 November 2021. He further said that the state transport department employees would be given the bonus of previous years as well.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh shuts Rohtang Pass for tourists till April-end

Himachal Pradesh's famous Rohtang Pass has been shut for tourists and day-trippers by the state government till April-end 2022 because of the extreme weather conditions and frozen, slippery roads that have made driving risky.

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### Landslide blocks NH-5 in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla

The National Highway 5 has been blocked due to a landslide in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, a state disaster management official said on Tuesday. The landslide occurred near Khachi Mod in Theog late on Monday night, he said.

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### Himachal Pradesh government seeks more funds for relief, rehabilitation

Coinciding with the three-day visit of Inter-ministerial Central teams today to assess the losses during the monsoons in Himachal, the state government has sought more funds for relief and rehabilitation works as the current financial allocation of Rs 454 crore to the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) was insufficient as 50 per cent of the funds are earmarked for the Covid-19 pandemic management.

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## Punjab

### **Punjab CM assures auto-rickshaw drivers to consider their demands**

Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Charanjit Singh Channi has assured auto-rickshaw drivers to consider their genuine demands. He also announced that new registration certificates will be issued soon in order to prevent their harassment. Besides this, all the pending challans will be waived off.

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### **Punjab govt to pay Punjabi University's Rs 150 crore loan, says CM Channi**

Providing a major relief to cash-strapped Punjabi University, Patiala, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Wednesday announced that the state government would take over the university's Rs 150 crore bank overdraft.

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### **Now, Punjab Vigilance Bureau can carry out post-registry probe**

In an out-of-the-ordinary move to arrest corruption in different tehsils at the time of registering sale deeds, Punjab Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) Justice Mehtab Singh Gill has permitted the Vigilance Bureau (VB) to carry out post-registry probe by interacting with buyers and sellers for obtaining tangible information.

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## Gujarat

### **Gujarat SEC announces schedule for gram panchayat polls**

The Gujarat state election commission (SEC) announced the schedule for gram panchayat polls, on 22 November 2021. A total of 10,879 gram panchayats across the state would go to polls on 19 December 2021.

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### **Gujarat govt signs MoUs worth Rs. 241.8 bln with 20 companies**

On 22 November 2021, the Gujarat government signed MoUs worth Rs. 241.8 billion with around 20 companies, ahead of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGs). The leading companies include Kiri Industries Limited, Meghmani Organics & Meghmani Finechem Limited, Borosil Renewables, Borosil Limited, KEI Industries and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra's MSRTC strike enters 26th day

The strike called by Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) staffers entered its 26th day on 22 November 2021. However, around 6,943 of 92,266 employees attended work.

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### Maharashtra govt to repeal 3 farm laws

The Maharashtra government has decided to repeal the three controversial farm laws that were tabled in the monsoon session of the state Assembly.

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### Use of drones banned in Maharashtra's MBVV police limits

The use of drones, paragliders, remote-controlled microlight aircraft and air missiles have been banned in the limits of Mira Bhayandar-Vasai Virar (MBVV) police commissionerate. This comprises parts of Thane and Palghar districts of Maharashtra.

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## Goa

### Goa Assembly polls to be held in February 2022: Pramod Sawant

The Goa Assembly elections would be held in February 2022. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) will come into effect in January 2022.

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### Goa: No Sunburn EDM fest this year as well, says CM Sawant

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday announced that the 15th edition of the Sunburn EDM festival will not be held this year.

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### Goa ropes in SBI for fresh auctions of mining leases before assembly polls

The Goa government has roped in State Bank of India to help it auction leases for “six to eight” mining blocks via its newly created mineral development corporation, chief minister Pramod Sawant announced on Wednesday after a meeting of the state cabinet.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh CM lays foundation stone for 8 Metro stations

Bhopal Metro will start operating by September 2023, announced chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan while laying the foundation stone for eight metro stations on Friday.

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### HC stays Madhya Pradesh govt's order on reservation for OBC, EWS for hiring of school teachers

The Madhya Pradesh High Court (HC) has put a stay on the state government's order which seeks reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for the hiring of higher secondary school teachers.

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### Madhya Pradesh City Withdraws Liquor Discount Order To Fully Vaccinated

After drawing criticism from politicians and social media users, the authorities in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur district have withdrawn the order offering a 10 per cent discount on country liquor to people who take the second COVID-19 vaccine jab.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu govt mandates COVID-19 vaccination for people in public places

On 18 November 2021, the Tamil Nadu government issued a circular making coronavirus vaccination mandatory for the eligible population in public places across the state.

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### Tamil Nadu CM lays foundation for several projects in Coimbatore

On 22 November 2021, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin laid foundation stones for several projects in Coimbatore. These include the expansion of the Coimbatore airport at a cost of Rs. 11.3 billion, laying five scheme roads, among others.

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### To execute sale deeds of 700 buyers, TN Rera appoints panel

In a landmark decision, the Tamil Nadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TNRERA) has appointed a committee of RERA officials to execute sale deeds for undivided share/plots in favour of the association of buyers of a stuck housing project in Coimbatore.

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Heavy rains damage crops on 323,748.5 hectares in Andhra Pradesh

Incessant rains have damaged horticulture crops on over 323,748.5 hectares in Andhra Pradesh. Owing to this, tomatoes are being sold at Rs. 100 per kg in Vizag and Vijayawada. Traders predict that tomato prices will touch Rs. 150 per kg as standing crops have been affected in Kurnool and other parts.

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### Andhra Pradesh first to provide 35% quota for BCs in private varsities

Andhra Pradesh has become the first state in the country to provide 35 per cent reservation for students from BC, SC, ST and minorities to pursue their education in private universities under government quota.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt sets up panel to formulate R&D policy

The Karnataka government has set up a 10-member task force to design new research and development (R&D) policy for the state.

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### Several companies to invest Rs. 50 bln in Karnataka

HCL Technologies, Applied Materials, Rakon India and Chint are planning to invest Rs. 50 billion in Karnataka. The information was shared by state minister for higher education, information technology & broadcasting CN Ashwath Narayan.

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### KDEM launches 'Beyond Bengaluru Startup Grid' initiative in Karnataka

On 19 November 2021, the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) launched an initiative, called 'Beyond Bengaluru Startup Grid'. The objective is to tap startups beyond Bengaluru to include clusters of Mangalore, Mysuru and Hubli.

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## Telangana

### 67,699 farmers in Telangana receive Rs. 33.8 bln insurance under Rythu Bima

Around 67,699 farmers in Telangana received a total of Rs. 33.8 billion as insurance amount, i.e., Rs. 500,000 each, in the last three years under the Rythu Bima scheme.

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### Telangana to launch free dialysis services to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis patients

The State government has decided to launch free dialysis services to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis patients in Telangana. Exclusive dialysis centres for such patients will be established in the coming days at Hyderabad and Warangal, Health Minister, T Harish Rao here on Wednesday said.

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### AB InBev's Telangana facility adopts renewable power

AB InBev adopted renewable electricity at its Charminar Brewery in Sangareddy, Telangana, as part of its commitment to secure 100 per cent of the company's purchased electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

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## Delhi

### Delhi govt to allocate special vending zones for street vendors

The Delhi government has decided to register thousands of street vendors and allocate special vending zones for them. The government is working on a highly progressive policy to address the situation and put an end to this daily extortion by the municipal corporations & police.

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### There could be a bullet train connecting Delhi to Agra every hour by 2029-30

There could be a bullet train between Delhi and Agra and Agra to Delhi running at top speed of 300 km/hour every hour by 2029-30, if all goes according to plan, said a media report. The Delhi-Varanasi high speed rail project will be 958-km-long having a 123-km-long spur connecting Lucknow and Ayodhya.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh on its way to have 5 international airports

The state government said that with the groundbreaking and foundation laying ceremony of the Noida International Airport scheduled on 25 November 2021, the state is now on its way to have five international airports - the highest for any state in India.

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### PM inaugurates Rs. 32.5 bln water projects in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated several water projects worth Rs. 32.5 billion in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh. These include the Rs. 26.5 billion Arjun Sahayak Project, Ratauli Weir Project, Bhaoni Dam Project and Majhgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Project.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt attracts Rs. 400 bln investment at Expo 2020 Dubai

The Rajasthan week at the India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai concluded on 18 November 2021. During the event, the state government signed as many as 18 Letter of Intents (LoI) and 24 Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), involving investment of around Rs. 400 billion.

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### Rajasthan CM allots portfolios to newly-elected Cabinet ministers

On 22 November 2021, Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot allotted portfolios to the newly-elected ministers in the state Cabinet. While the CM retained home, finance & some other important departments with himself, Bikaner West MLA Bulaki Das Kalla was given the education department.

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### Rajasthan Public Service Commission to hold RAS 2021 mains on Feb 25-26

JAIPUR: The Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) on Wednesday decided to hold the RAS 2021 mains on February 25 and 26. The RPSC also issued the syllabus for the exam. According to RPSC joint secretary Ashutosh Gupta, the RAS mains will be conducted at every divisional district headquarters.

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## West Bengal

### Raw jute prices rule at Rs. 7,000-7,200 per quintal in West Bengal

Prices of raw jute in West Bengal are hovering at Rs. 7,000-7,200 a quintal against the average of Rs. 4,500-4,750 a quintal during the beginning of the crop season. Raw jute production in the state is estimated to be close to 8.5-9 million bales in 2021-22

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### West Bengal's WBSETCL spends over Rs. 2.5-3 bln for power infrastructure upgrade in Howrah

The West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company (WBSETCL) has spent over Rs. 2.5-3 billion in the past few years for power infrastructure upgrade in Howrah. According to The Times of India, a 132KV substation has been set up at the Kona Expressway and the south Howrah area will be benefited from this initiative.

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## Bihar

### Bihar set to get its 4th expressway, will connect Gorakhpur to Siliguri

Bihar is all set to get a second expressway - which will start from Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Praesh to Siliguri in West Bengal. According to Hindustan Times' sister publication Livehindustan, most of this proposed expressway will pass through districts in north Bihar.

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### Bihar Paramedical Recruitment 2021: Application for 7000 paramedical posts to be released soon

Bihar Paramedical Recruitment 2021 notification is likely to be released soon for more than 7000 vacant posts.

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### Bihar: Get yourself fully vaccinated against Covid and win prizes

With a view to bringing more people to the Covid immunisation centres and receive the second dose of vaccines, the state health department has planned to give away gifts through a lucky draw.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt to set up cyber security operation centre

The Odisha government has decided to set up a cyber security operation centre (CSOC) on the premises of the Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC). The proposed robust mechanism will be launched in a big leap towards cyber security to protect the state government's websites and applications from any cyber intrusion & defacement attempts.

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### Centre plans setting up greenfield airport at Puri

While attending the Udan Utsav celebrations at the Veer Surendra Sai Airport in Odisha's Jharsuguda on 22 November 2021, the Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia said that the Centre plans setting up a greenfield airport at Puri and Phase-II expansion of Jharsuguda Airport apart from making two more small airports operational in Odisha.

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## North-East

### Arunachal Pradesh & Assam CMs hold discussions to resolve border dispute

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu has started holding discussions with his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma to resolve the long-pending boundary dispute between the two states.

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### Centre to set up mega handloom cluster in Manipur's Imphal East

The Centre has decided to set up a mega handloom cluster at Manipur's Nongpok Kakching village in Imphal East district. The information was shared by Union minister of commerce, industry, consumer affairs, food, public distribution & textiles Piyush Goyal recently.

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## Jharkhand

### Products made by Jharkhand women go global under 'Palash' brand

The indigenous products manufactured by Self Help Group (SHG) women in Jharkhand under the banner 'Palash' are now available for sale on Amazon and Flipkart. Officials in the rural development department said out of the total 60 products, nine are available on the two e-commerce platforms.

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### Jharkhand sports department steps in to ensure women's football team participation in Santosh Trophy

On the directive of the chief minister Hemant Soren and intervention of state sports department, the state women's football team will now play in the Santosh Trophy. The All India Football Federation(AIFF) has informed through a letter yesterday about the deprivation of Jharkhand's team from playing in the Santosh Trophy.

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## Kerala

### IMD to set up 85 more AWS across Kerala

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to set up 85 more automatic weather stations (AWS) across Kerala. These stations are expected to be operational before the next monsoon season.

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### Kerala cabinet nod to provide Rs 3,000 aid to fishermen

The cabinet has decided to give a financial assistance of Rs 3,000 each to 1, 59, 481 fishermen families considering that they have been left without an income for 26 days in October-November this year due to heavy rains. The cabinet has decided to release Rs 47.84 crore from the chief minister's distress relief fund for offering the financial assistance.

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